

THE CONNECTION

NEWSLETTER

LINKING HEALTH AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
THAT WORK WITH MINORITIES IN UTAH

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MULTICULTURAL HEALTH NETWORK
THIRD ANNUAL SUMMIT

The Utah Department of Health/Center for Multicultural Health and Utah Issues are the co-sponsors of the upcoming Multicultural Health Network's 3rd Annual Health Summit: "Eliminating Inequalities in Utah: Profiling Local Solution to Create Better Healthcare for All."

The summit will examine various community-based health models and explore innovative solutions to facilitating better health care for all Utahns. The Summit's objective is to empower public health agencies, providers, and clients with information which will expectedly lead to better health services. Areas of focus will include: Cultural Awareness, Economics/Access, Policy Change and Education.

The summit will take place on Thursday, August 10, 2006 at Hunter Jr. High School in West Valley City, Utah. The summit will be an all-day event offering workshops and break-out discussion groups for the attendees to brainstorm and network.

The purpose of the Multicultural Health Network is to coordinate a state-wide effort to examine disparities in health and health care access for minority populations as a means of creating positive health

outcomes in the state of Utah.

The focus of the Multicultural Health Network is not only researching race and ethnicity within the U.S. healthcare system, but it is also examining the disparities that exist as a consequence of it.

Currently, Utah Issues is facilitating the Multicultural Health Network which is funded by the Utah Department of Health and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Federal Office of Minority Health Cooperative Agreement Grant. The UDOH/CMH and Utah Issues work collaboratively to make the mission of the Multicultural Health Network a reality.

We are excited to see the turn-out and outcome of this year's summit. This summit will undoubtedly be an invaluable opportunity for various individuals and agencies to network and brainstorm strategies for overcoming the overwhelming health disparities which face the ethnic minorities throughout Utah.

For more information about the summit contact Greg Jaboin at greg@utahissues.org 801-521-2035 ext. 120 or 1-800-331-5627

Thursday, August
10, 2006
Hunter
Jr. High

6131 West 3785
South
West Valley City,
Utah 84128
8:00am—4:30pm



3rd Annual Health Summit
Eliminating Inequalities in
Utah:
Profiling Local SolutionS to
Create
Better Healthcare for All

CULTURAL COMPETENCY PROJECT FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND THE UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Public and private sector organizations are involved in a number of activities that seek to reduce cultural and communication barriers to health care. These activities are often described as cultural competency and/or cross-cultural education. To achieve one of the main goals of *Healthy People 2010*, it is recommended that health agencies pursue several of these techniques as part of a multi-level strategy to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in public health.

To address this need, the UDOH/Center for Multicultural Health (CMH) will offer to local health departments and UDOH programs the opportunity to assist them in the process of developing cultural competence programs.

The objective of this project is to increase the capacity of public health programs to design, implement, and evaluate culturally and linguistically competent programs.

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The CMH will collaborate with the participants in the planning, implementation, and evaluation processes. The CMH will also train the personnel of the programs involved, and provide technical assistance throughout the course of this project.

This is a one year project with the following timeline or schedule:

August 30, 2006 (full day workshop): Understanding cultural competence. Cultural competence assessment (self, program, agency).

Tools to develop a CC plan.

Fall 2006: Planning, implementation. Training and consultation available for participants.

Winter 2006/2007 (full day workshop in SLC): Follow up and analysis of the plans.

Spring 2007: Implementation. Training and consultation available for participants.

Summer 2007 (full day workshop): Evaluation of the plans.

This is just a tentative agenda. Changes could be made in order to customize the participant's needs.

For more information about this project contact Dulce Díez at [\(ddiez@utah.gov\)](mailto:ddiez@utah.gov) (801)538-9986

TRAINING ON MEDICARE / MEDICAID SERVICES



The Utah State Division of Aging and Adult Services will be offering a two-day training for HIIP volunteers in Salt Lake County on Thursday, August 17th and Friday, August 18th.

There are a lot of Medicare changes we need to be aware of and will be pertinent in assisting the clients we serve. The training will be held at AARP, 6975 S Union Park Center #320.

There will be an additional two day training on September 21st and 22nd, at the same location, focusing on Part D prescription coverage. The Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services will be joining us. We hope to give volunteers the training to use the internet tools for screening and enrolling Part D applicants.

We look forward to seeing you. If you have any concerns or questions, please call, Susanne Haselton at 468-2478.



FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP

The Disability Law Center organizes a free Fair Housing Workshop.

Housing discrimination of all types is illegal in the US. To find out more, or if you think you've been a victim because of your race, color, national origin, sex, religion, disability or family status come to a free training

The workshop is free but there are limited spaces. Sign-up now by calling Kathy Kesler 1-801-865-4806 or Alison Draper 1-800-662-9080 or email Kathy at kkesler@disabilitylawcenter.org

When: August 7, 2006

Time: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Where: Fillmore City Library ,25 South 100 West. Fillmore, Utah

OUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS: The purpose of this section is to let you know more about Utah's community organizations working with minorities in health-related projects.

UTAH PARTNERS FOR HEALTH

Utah Partners for Health is making a difference in the Magna, West Valley City, and Kearns communities. Utah Partners for Health is a charitable organization whose mission is to provide access to healthcare for those in need. Their healthcare model is unique because it is founded and maintained by licensed health care providers who are willing to provide charitable care. Since June 2003, Utah Partners for Health has funded \$436,671 in health care to people in need.

Founder, Brian Zehnder, M.D., wanted to create a program that would allow people who couldn't afford health insurance still be able to see a physician. "We gathered together some community leaders to discuss our concerns about the growing number of uninsured and working poor, and Utah Partners for

Health was birthed," stated Dr. Zehnder. Today, Utah Partners for Health operates within seven clinics offering primary medical care for acute, chronic and mental illnesses. Ancillary services such as lab work, ultra sound, radiology, echocardiogram, physical therapy, and pharmaceutical assistance are also available. Vision correction and urgent dental care for students is available for those who qualify.

Another goal for Utah Partners for Health is to reach out to the Hispanic and the undocumented populations. "The Hispanic population has a higher rate of being uninsured, stated Executive Director, Kurt Micka. "We are actively working to help the Hispanic uninsured by partnering with bi-lingual providers, and training our staff and clinicians about cultural diversity and awareness."

Utah Partners for Health also offers breast and cervical exams at a very low cost of \$25. The exam includes a clinical breast exam, pap smear, and the associated lab work. If needed, a follow-up appointment will be given. A study among breast cancer patients showed that uninsured women had a 49% greater chance of dying following diagnosis than privately insured women. Breast self exams education and clinical exams are critical to preventive care.

Utah Partners covers the communities of West Valley, Magna, and Kearns. To qualify you must be uninsured, have a household income of less than 80% of the median income for the State of Utah, and have a medical need.

Utah Partners for Health



Providing Access to Healthcare for Those In Need

To find out more about Utah Partners for Health you can visit their website at www.upfh.com or call 801-250-9638 x 131

UTAH STATE WIC CONFERENCE: "THE BEST OF YOU - THE BEST OF WIC"



The Utah State WIC Conference is offered every two years and is an educational opportunity for all state and local WIC clinic staff, WIC participants, anyone who works with the WIC community and WIC staff. The 2006 Utah State WIC Conference at Davis Conference Center is scheduled from 8 am until 4:15 on Wednesday, 8/23/06 and from 8 am until 12 noon on Thursday, 8/24/06.

This year's theme is, "The Best of You – The Best of WIC". At this conference, all participants will learn, explore and discover strategies for providing effective interventions and developing professional growth skills. The educational sessions are broad and diverse covering areas ranging from new teaching strategies to new policies to professional growth and development topics. The registration fee is \$10.00 and the check should be made payable to UAWA. Please contact Karen Smith at 538-6490 to register. The last day to register is Monday, August 7, 2006 and there will be no on-site registration.

OUR MISSION

The Center for Multicultural Health (CMH) is the Utah office of minority health. It is part of the Utah Department of Health, Division of Community and Family Health Services.

Our mission is to promote accessible and high-quality programs and policies that help all racial and ethnic minorities in Utah achieve optimal health. We accomplish our mission by increasing public and health professional awareness of persistent race/ethnic disparities and by developing effective health policies and culturally competent programs that lead to better access and utilization of quality health care services in Utah.



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JOB OPENINGS

◆ **Centro de la Familia de Utah.** Website: www.cdlfu.org

Job Title/Nombre del Puesto: Office Manager/Gerente de Oficina
Number Of Openings/Número de Vacantes : 1 .

Job Location/Ubicación del Empleo: GUNNISON, UT 84634-0106

Starting Pay/Salario al comenzar : \$8.19 - \$9.97 Hourly/Hora. Full time.

Job Close Date/Fecha de Cierre del empleo: 09/12/2006

Email/Correo Electrónico : employment@la-familia.org

Phone/Teléfono : Kathy Setty at (435)528-7680 Fax : (435)528-7681

◆ **Centro de la Familia de Utah.** Website: www.cdlfu.org

Job Title/Nombre del Puesto: Preschool Center Manager / Gerente de Centro Preescolar

Job Location/Ubicación del Empleo : GENOLA, UT 84655

Number Of Openings/Número de Vacantes : 1

Job Close Date/Fecha de Cierre : 09/14/2006

Starting Pay/Salario al comenzar : \$13.03 - \$16.47 Hourly/Hora. Full time.

Email/Correo Electrónico : employment@la-familia.org

Phone/Teléfono : (801) 521-4473

Fax : (801) 521-6242

◆ **Indian Walk-In Center**

Job Title: Behavioral Health Counselor (II). Full time.

Salary Range: starting \$30,000- \$40,000 DOE

◆ **Indian Walk-In Center**

Job Title: Behavioral Health Counselor (II).Adult Susbtance Abuse. Full time.

Salary Range: starting \$28,000- \$38,000 DOE

Both positions are a full-time exempt positions and entitled to a full benefit package (all subject to funding). Compensation dependent upon qualifications. Under the Indian Hiring Preference Act, the Indian Walk-In Center gives preference to qualified American Indian/Alaska Native applicants.

Application information can be obtained and questions may be answered by contacting Ella Dayzie at 801-486-4877, ext. 26.

◆ **CMH** will open a Health Program Specialist position next week. The position will be posted in our website www.health.utah.gov/cmh and in The State of Utah website <https://statejobs.utah.gov>

◆ **International Rescue Committee.**

Job title: Accounting Technician. Full time.

Compensation: \$32,000 /year

Position stars: August 14, 2006

Contact Information:"Miro Marinovic" <Miro.Marinovic@theirc.org>

◆ **Guadalupe School**

Job title: ESL Specialist

Hours: 15 hours per week. Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30-9:15 PM required. Remaining 7.5 hours flexible.

Compensation: \$15/hour

To apply: By Friday, August 18th, please send resume and cover letter to: Kate Diggins, Guadalupe Schools, 340 S. Goshen St., Salt Lake City UT, 84104. Or e-mail to: kate.diggins@slc.k12.ut.us

OTHER TRAININGS

◆ **U.S. Department of housing and Human Development (HUD)**

Free grant writing training for faith-based and community organizations interested in learning how to compete successfully for federal funds. Join HUD in Moab on August 21 and 22 and in Salt Lake City on September 7 and 8.

More information: <http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=ut>